

PUBLIC HEALTH

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Health Director

There are many complex interactions (biological, social, cultural, environmental), which determine the health of individuals and community populations. The application of knowledge to improve the health of both populations and individuals, through strategic partnerships with population and public health stakeholders takes place every day at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

The Department has had much success serving the community this year, but as an organization, we are constantly evaluating those efforts to determine how to better serve our citizens. Effective public health actions occur at multiple levels in a community. The success of this approach requires that many public health practitioners work together in a coordinated manner.

To achieve a goal of effective service, the Department is beginning a transition to population-based public health services. Population-based practice requires teamwork among the many public health disciplines. There is not a single level of intervention that is more important than any other in effecting the changes desired from public health action. All levels are critical to the success of the process, as are the members of the multi-disciplinary public health teams charged with carrying them out.

Population-based practice includes the following activities: determines the health status of the community, identifies populations that are at risk, establishes the priority health problems of the community, and plans and implements public health strategies. This upcoming year, the Department will meet those goals and ensure services are provided to everyone in the community, with the more vulnerable populations receiving more services. Service provision from a population-based perspective will ensure resources are effectively used and the community as a whole is touched.

I thank everyone in Lincoln and Lancaster County for their support in the past and look forward to serving everyone in the future.

Bruce D. Dart



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Mission Statement

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department provides leadership in promoting environmental and personal health through health promotion, disease detection, disease prevention, education and regulation. In cooperation with community resources, the Department as the official agency is responsible for assisting the community and the citizens to assume responsibility for their health and the health of the community.

2003 BOARD OF HEALTH

about the board of health

In 1873, a City Council ordinance created the Board of Health. In 1886, the City Council approved an appropriation for the Health Department. The Department was created as an official city/county entity by interlocal agreement in 1947.

The Mayor appoints the Health Director, with confirmation by the City Council, County Board and Board of Health. The Board of Health consists of one physician, one dentist, one City Council member, one County Board member and five public-spirited members appointed by the City Council and County Board.



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